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### **Beechwood School PTA Meeting Minutes 12/11/2019**

Attendees:- Kelly Campbell, Emma Illing, Kirsty Ap-Carreg, Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Moorcroft, Mrs Kidd

Kelly started the meeting explaining about the PTA and what we raised money for – music tuition, iPads, forest schools equipment and playground equipment/activities. Kelly wanted to use this meeting to find out what we can actually do during the current pandemic to raise money.

#### **Finacial Summary**

Kirsty explained how we spent just over £7000 last year and had fundraised just under £5000. £1890,00 of the money spent was from a delayed invoice from the artist in residence. So our spend was roughly what we raised last year.

Kirsty explained how we like to always have a bit of money in the account for paying for music tuition.

We currently have £4500 in the account but £2500-3000 is allocated for music lessons so we have £1500 in the kitty.

We need to be mindful that our fundraising will be limited this year so need to think ahead for next years music tuition fees.

#### **What can we do?**

Kelly asked Mrs Kidd what we could do for the children this year as we would normally arrange a panto for the children.

As we can't do our normal Christmas Bonanza it was mentioned about still running it but just for the children – bean bag toss, spin the wheel for the kids to win prizes. Each class would have a time slot to go into the hall to take part in the Christmas Bonanza.

**Kelly to speak to the resource centre about hiring equipment and to message Mr Leather about possible L'Oreal treats**

Snowman drive will not be able to take place this year due to bubbles and social distancing so it was discussed to play class bingo instead. Pupils to pay £1 to take part and prizes for winners

Own clothes day for donations jelly sweets and chocolates (no nuts or lollies) on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November so we can use them for the Christmas Bonanza.

**Karen to look for individually wrapped cakes to sell. Miss Sturges to send a text out to parents**

**Kelly is to speak to Father Christmas' PA to see if he is available to pop into the school to see all the children and leave gifts for the staff to give out.**

### **Fundraising Ideas**

Mrs Kidd asked about the Christmas cards but Kelly explained how we had missed the deadline and how it would have been quite hard to do this year due to social distancing and bubbles

Mrs Kidd suggested using the DVD sales of the Christmas performance as a way to raise some funds. And asking for a minimum donation of just £5 for a DVD. All performances would be on 1 DVD. Kirsty mentioned how she would buy multiple at that price for presents due to grandparents not being able to watch shows this year.

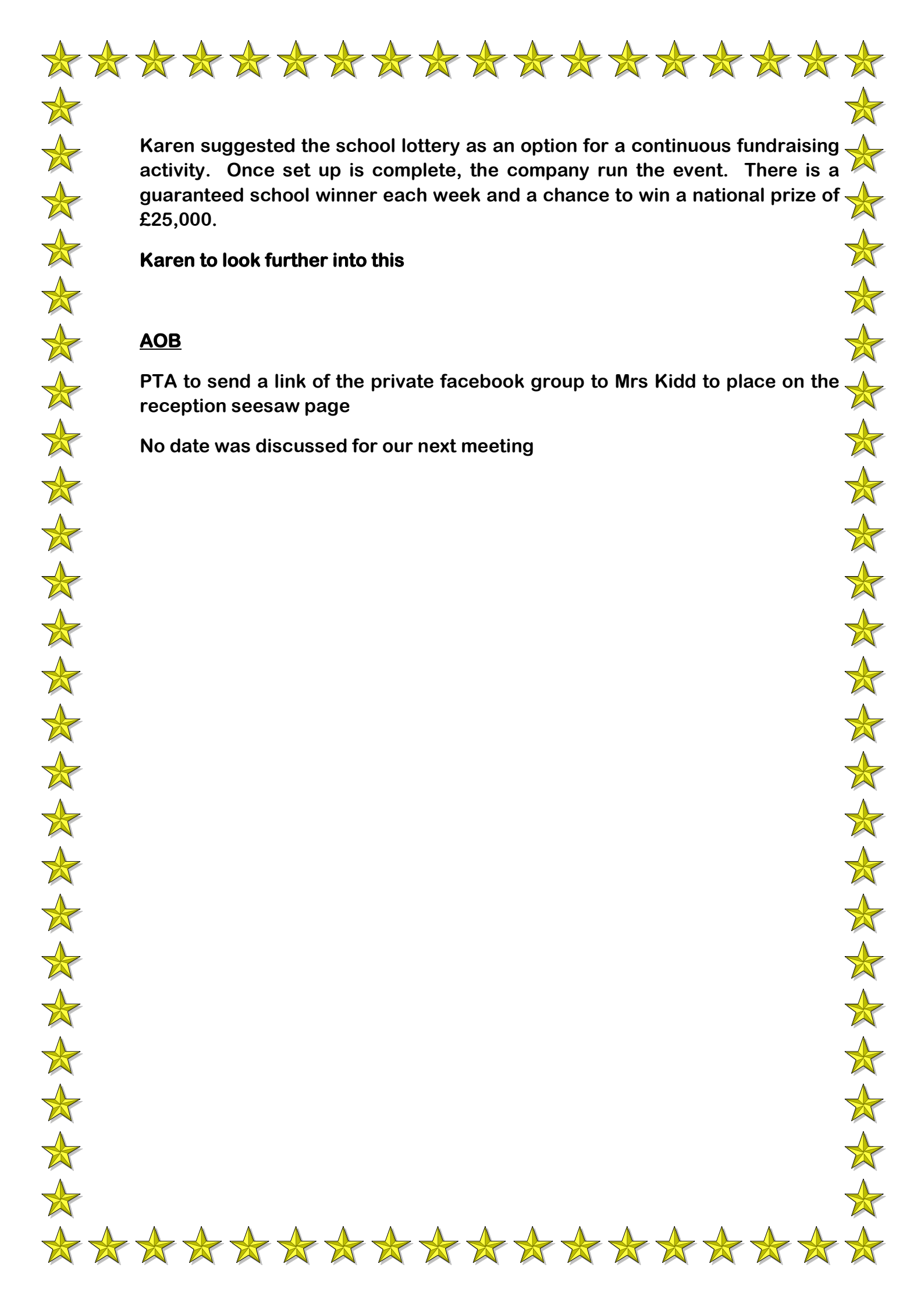
**Emma to write a letter to send out to parents**

The school often have a raffle at Christmas and tickets are sold at the performances. Obviously this won't be possible this year but it was mentioned how sending the raffle tickets home with letters works well for the summer fayre raffle and how we could try that.

**Emma to write letters to send home and ask for raffle donations. Mrs Kidd to send details of parent for possible donation of travel vouchers to Kelly**

Due to the pandemic a lot of our normal fundraising events will be cancelled this school year, Mrs Kidd suggested Virtual Balloon racing for future fundraising after Christmas as this is environmentally friendly and can be done whilst social distancing is still in place.

**PTA to look into this option next year**



**Karen suggested the school lottery as an option for a continuous fundraising activity. Once set up is complete, the company run the event. There is a guaranteed school winner each week and a chance to win a national prize of £25,000.**

**Karen to look further into this**

**AOB**

**PTA to send a link of the private facebook group to Mrs Kidd to place on the reception seesaw page**

**No date was discussed for our next meeting**